Decline in area of mustard and oilseeds cultivation

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the area of mustard and oilseeds cultivation in the country has been declining during the last several years;

(b) if so, the area of land used for cultivation of mustard and oilseeds during 1998-99 and 2000-2001; and

(c) the production of mustard and oilseeds during those two years, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The area under rapeseed — mustard & oilseeds cultivation is not stagnant and is fluctuating from year to year depending upon the weather conditions prevailing in a particular year.

(b) The area under rapeseed — mustard & oilseeds during 1998-99 & 2000-01 is as under:

(Area in million ha.)

Year	Area under Rapeseed-mustard	Area under oilseeds
1998-99	6.51	26.23
2000-01	4.63 (Advance Estimates)	23.04 (Advance Estimates)

(c) The production of rapeseed-mustard & oilseeds during those two years i.e. 1998-99 & 2000-01 is as under:

(Production in million tonnes)

Year	Production of Rapeseed-mustard	Production of oilseeds
1998-99	5.66	24.75
2000-01	4.09 (Advance Estimates)	18.20 (Advance Estimates)

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